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SUBJECT: RUMORED RETIREMENT OF BURMESE AMBASSADOR

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BURMESE EMBASSY THAT AMBASSADOR U LWIN MAY SOON BE RETIRING. ALTHOUGH PAST RETIREMENT AGE, HE HAS RECEIVED TWO ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES AND AS BURMA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS. OUR SOURCE CLAIMS THAT U LWIN'S MOST RECENT EXTENSION WAS CURTAILED -- NO REASONS WERE CITED -- AND THAT HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO RANGOON SOON. DR. NYI NYI, FORMER MINISTER OF MINES, WAS NAMED AS U LWIN'S POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT FOR BOTH POSTS.

2. THE BURMESE COMMUNITY HERE IS INCLINED TO DO SOME WISHFUL THINKING AND MAY BE JUST LINKING REPORTS OF NEW AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENTS WITH THEIR OWN PREFERENCES.

3. YOUR COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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